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**9<sup>th</sup> District Blog**

<http://district9news.wordpress.com>

## Legislative Update

Yesterday at our Health and Human Services Committee Meeting, Dr. Troutman, Director of Metro Health and Wellness, presented both the task force recommendation as well as his recommendation as the Director of the Department. While the task force recommended a ban, Dr. Troutman did not recommend the same. Though I recognize the validity of much research regarding the negative effects of artificial trans fat to our health, I agree with Dr. Troutman that our community isn't prepared to take the next step to ban artificial trans fat at this time. I offered to partner with Metro Health and Wellness to begin an educational campaign in the 9<sup>th</sup> District. More to come in the future.

## Take the Green Triangle Survey

"Talk Green to me" 9<sup>th</sup> District residents! Are you interested in sustainability, do you live in the 9<sup>th</sup> District? Then take the Green Triangle survey, [www.surveymonkey.com/s/greentrianglesurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/greentrianglesurvey). The survey is a short set of questions including what sustainability means for the future, what people are currently doing, and what they want to learn more about. The survey will be open until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Why my street doesn't get salted or plowed when it snows?

I have received a number of phone calls and emails regarding Metro Public Work's plowing and salting route. 95% of residential streets are not on the official plow and salt route. Even my own street is NOT on the plow list. I have spoken numerous times to the Director of Public Works to see how we might expand the route. According to the Director, it would cost an additional \$1.5 million dollars to plow and salt the side streets of our neighborhoods – and we don't have the budget to do that. What I am suggesting is that someone on your street – perhaps during the off season – walk around and collect \$5- \$10 dollars per household and reserve it for bad weather. There are individual contractors out there that put a plow on the front of their trucks who will come plow your street for \$100 or so. I have several small neighborhoods and individual streets that do this because they know Metro doesn't plow side streets--a national policy in most cities our size.

## Lexington Road Planting

Join me and my staff in the next phase of the Lexington Road improvements between Cross Hill and Top Hill Roads on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – Noon. We will provide gloves, water and snacks for the event. We'll start the day out with coffee provided by Heine Brothers' Coffee. We will be planting the hillside along Lexington Road. If you have them, please bring wheelbarrows, garden carts and mulch forks. Volunteers are needed for a variety of duties ranging from digging holes for the plants and trees, spreading mulch and general cleanup. If you are planning to volunteer please contact my office at 574-1109 so we can be sure to have enough supplies. For pictures from the last clearing please visit, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjInKhnlqE>.

## Ninth District Events!



Below are some Ninth District calendar events! To view a full listing of events please visit the **Ninth District Blog** at <http://district9news.wordpress.com/>.

If you would like to submit events to be considered for the blog calendar please email [kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov) or call 574-1109.

**Thursday, February 18:** Hogan's Fountain Master Plan Meeting from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Highlands/Shelby Library in Mid City Mall, 1250 Bardstown Road. For more information please visit, [www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/cityofparks/projects/hogansfountainplanning](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/cityofparks/projects/hogansfountainplanning)

**Friday, February 19 - 21:** Derby City Film Festival at Clifton Center, 2117 Payne Street. Friday 7:00 - 10:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am - 5:30 pm *and* 8:00 - 11:00 pm, Sunday 1:30 - 7:00 pm. By focusing on independent films and filmmakers, rather than on celebrities and Hollywood, the Derby City Film Festival distinguishes itself from other film festivals. In its second year in Louisville, the festival will screen films in the Eifler Theatre and in the Community Room. For more information and ticket information visit, [www.derbycityfilmfest.com](http://www.derbycityfilmfest.com).

**Friday, February 19:** St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2822 Frankfort Avenue (across the street from St. Joes orphanage) will have a fish fry on each Friday during Lent. The dates February 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19 ,& 26. Eat in or carry out from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

**Saturday, February 20:** Learn all about Morse Code and braille, then try a little coding yourself! "Dits" and Dahs" are the sounds created by Morse Code. Dots, of course, are the braille. This hands-on program for ages 10 and up takes place at American Printing House Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue from 10 am - Noon. Call (502) 899-2213 or email [kcarpenter@aph.org](mailto:kcarpenter@aph.org) by February 18th to register.

**Saturday, February 20:** 15,000 Farmers meeting at 9:00 am at the Clifton Unitarian Church, 2231 Payne Street. This is a kickoff meeting for a city-wide project on back-yard gardens. Gary Heine of Heine Brothers whose goal is to identify and grown 15,000 farmers through back-yard gardening. Sounds like a great project!